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SUBJECT: G-3 TARIFF (SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS)

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1. OUR FURTHER CHECKING ON THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION IN CADIZ CONFIRMS THAT THE COURT THERE HAS NOT YET EMBARGOED THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF EITHER THE SEA-LAND AGENT OR THE AMERICAN EXPORT LINES AGENT (BOTH SPANISH FIRMS), ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN EXPORT LINE AGENT, BOTH THE PORT DIRECTORS OF THE CONTAINER PORT AND THE NON-CONTAINER PORT AT CADIZ TOLD THEM ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO THAT WITHIN A WEEK COURT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN TO EMBARGO THEIR BANK ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO COLLECT UNAPID G-3 BILLS. THEY REPORT THAT THE SEA-LAND AGENT IN CADIZ WAS TOLD THE SAME THING BY THE CONTAINER CARGO PORT DIRECTOR. HOWEVER, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS US, AFTER CHECKING, THAT THE ACCOUNTS HAVE NOT BEEN EMBARGOED. MOREOVER, PERINAT HAS NOW TOLD US THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC

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WORKS HAS RELUCTANTLY AGREED NOT TO PRESS THE ISSUE

FURTHER FOR SIX WEEKS TO TWO MONTHS IN ORDER TO GIVE
TIME FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

2. PERINAT FURTHER SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF FIANCE
AND THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WOULD LIKE THREE
WEEKS TO REVIEW THEIR POSITION BEFORE FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE INTENDS TO MEET
NOT ONLY WITH THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUT ALSO
WITH THE PORT DIRECTORS FOR THIS PURPOSE. THAT WOULD
MEAN A UNITED STATES TEAM MIGHT COME TO MADRID AT
THE END OF FEBRUARY OR IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF MARCH.
PERIANAT WILL PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES AS SOON AS HE CAN.
HE SAID HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD ALSO REVIEW OUR POSITION
IN THE MEANTIME.
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